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September 18th, 1919

The Chairman,

Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I understand that Miss Bessie E. K. Nossop is applying to the Council for a Studentship, and I have been asked to support her application. This I do with much pleasure.

Miss Nossop graduated from the University in 1916 in the Department of Biology. Her record is as follows:

May 1913, First Year, Natural Science 1.
May 1914, Second Year, Biology, 11.1.
May 1915, Third Year, Biology, 11.2.
May 1916, Fourth Year, Biology, 1.2.

Dr. Pierce also informs me that Miss Nossop did excellent work as Class Assistant in Biology for a year after her graduation and he strongly recommends her for an appointment. I am glad to be able to support Miss Nossop's application.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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September 18th, 1919

Dr. A. B. Macallum,

Chairman, Advisory Board of Industrial and Scientific Research,

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Macallum:

You may remember that in January of this year I wrote to you at the suggestion of Sir Edmund Osler with reference to the appointment of a successor to Professor H. T. Barnes on the British Science Guild. You wrote me that you would take the matter up and have the appointment arranged before long. Sir Edmund Osler has again written me saying that no action has been taken. Would you be kind enough to look into the matter as soon as possible?

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Ottawa, September 22nd, 1919.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President,
University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

In the absence of Dr. Macallum I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 18th in connection with the appointment of a successor to Prof. H. D. Barnes on the British Science Guild.

Dr. Macallum will probably return to Ottawa at the end of the present week and your communication will then be brought to his attention.

Yours faithfully,

A. P. Coleson.

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Ottawa, Oct.
1st,
1919.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G., Litt.D., &c.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

I have your favor of Sept. 18th, regarding the appointment of a successor to Professor H.T. Barnes, Secretary of the Canadian Section of the British Science Guild.

I discussed this matter with a number of members of the Research Council a month or so after your letter of January last, bringing this matter to my attention. As the International Research Council was forming, and there was then coming before the Royal Society of Canada the question of having a part of this organization formed in the Dominion, it was thought well to delay action to see whether the Canadian Section of the British Science Guild might not fit as the Canadian part of the International organization.

The Royal Society took some action, which, however, has not led to anything concrete as yet, but it sent two representatives to this International organization, Professors Ruttan and McLennan.

Professor Ruttan has now reported and his report will come up for consideration at the next meeting towards the end of October. I propose to have discussed at the same time the question of the appointment of a successor to Professor Barnes.

I may add that there will be some difficulty in finding an appropriate appointee, for there is so much sectionalism

that it is hard to make a selection without offending some particular quarter. My own opinion is that the Secretaryship should be retained under the Research Council. Whether the latter body will take that view ultimately, I do not know.

As soon as the Council decides this matter, which I shall ask it to do at the next meeting, I will at once inform you and the London office of the Guild.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

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Ottawa, Nov.
6th,
1919.

Sir Robert A. Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir Robert,-

At the last meeting of the Research Council the question of the appointment of a Canadian secretary of the British Science Guild came up for consideration, and, as it was held that the work of the Guild, as far as relates to Canada, covered the functions of the Research Council, it was decided to recommend that the work of the secretaryship should be associated with the office of the Administrative Chairman of the Council, who would deal with the more intricate matters of the correspondence, while the routine would fall to the Secretary of the Council, who is shortly to be appointed and who must have a considerable amount of scientific training to fulfil the duties of the position.

I am writing to Lt. Col. O'Meara, Honorary Secretary of the British Science Guild, giving this view of the Research Council, and offering, on my own behalf, to take up the duties of the position of Secretary of the Canadian Section of the Guild under the conditions indicated.

I am not anxious to assume the responsibilities, but the Research Council felt that it would be difficult to get anyone on the staff of the Universities, who could give the necessary time and attention to the work of the position.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. Macallum

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November 8th, 1919

Professor A. P. Coleman,
Advisory Council for Scientific and Industrial Research,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

I have just received your letter with regard to the secretaryship of the British Science Guild. I will send it on to Sir Edmund Osler as he has been particularly interested in the appointment.

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 14th, 1920

Dr. A. H. Macallum,
Chairman, Advisory Council of Scientific and Industrial Research,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Macallum:

The Board of Governors had a very pleasant interview with the Ontario Government in regard to the prospective needs of the University, especially in the matter of buildings. The amount that was asked for from the Government was in the neighborhood of two millions and a half and covered the following buildings:

Electrical Building (under construction)
Anatomical Building
Addition to Heating Plant
Botany Building
Additions for Applied Science
Additions for Faculty of Education
Administration
A Women's Building for Physical Training
Accomodation for Printing Press.

As you are aware, nearly all these buildings have been long overdue. At the opening of the war the University was overcrowded to its capacity, and if the war had not come it would have been necessary to proceed with most of these before this. You are also aware how economically the University has proceeded in the erection of buildings, that none of them have been extravagant, and that the one purpose has been to house the students in convenient laboratories. We have used every bit of space at our disposal, and with the prospect of large entering classes from the schools the situation that confronts us next year is very disquieting. In fact unless we get more buildings it will be necessary to limit the attendance of students.

You know also how extremely important it is that we should keep our own Canadians at home. This fact was laid before the Government. The American Universities are growing rapidly

and there will be an exodus to the United States of many of our best young men and women, who will remain in the United States.

In order to secure Professors we must compete with the best Universities. Salaries are to be determined not by merely domestic conditions, but by the necessity of securing the best teachers or retaining our best teachers here.

This was the general line of policy that we laid down. Thanking you for your interest in the matter, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

January 27th, 1920

Dr. A. B. Macallum,
Advisory Council on Scientific and Industrial Research,
OTTAWA, Ont.

My dear Dr. Macallum:

Many thanks for your letter enclosing the answer from President Reynolds. I am very much obliged to you for the pains that you have taken, and I hope that there will be a good result from it.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.